

# To-day Is Your Last Chance

To-day is the last day to make a nomination in the great \$20,000 Subscription Prize Contest of The Times-Dispatch. Make your decision now, as after to-day it will be too late to enter and win the prize you want. Nominations can be mailed any time before 10 P. M. to-night.

## Contest Ends Saturday at 10 P. M.

Pay a subscription to-day for your favorite candidate and secure The Times-Dispatch at the reduced contest prices. Your votes make him or her the winner of an Automobile or one of the 75 prizes. Any candidate securing \$60 in subscriptions will be given a \$30 Watch.

## WIN A PONY THIS WEEK

Look at the list of candidates in the Pony Contest published Sunday and Monday. In several districts, an active candidate could enter to-day and win a fine Pony and Outfit by Saturday night.

### Cut Out and Send to Contest Department. AUTOMOBILE CONTEST

#### Nomination Blank

Good for 1,000 Votes.

The Times-Dispatch Subscription Contest.

Name .....

Address .....

Phone No. ....

Only one nomination blank for each candidate will count as 1,000 votes.

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## Reduced Subscription Rates End Saturday, April 12th.

### Short News Stories From All Over Virginia

#### MANY NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

##### Twenty-Seven Leading Churches Only

##### One-Third Men Have Paid Poll Tax

##### Norfolk, Va., April 8.—The delinquency of

##### the church people of Norfolk in the per-

##### formance of their political duties is the sub-

##### ject of an announcement made yesterday by

##### the Public Welfare League, in which it is

##### shown that, out of the aggregate number of

##### eligible male members of twenty-seven lead-

##### ing Norfolk churches represented in the

##### Tidewater Ministerial Union, only one-third

##### are prepared to vote.

##### Data bearing out this statement of the

##### proportion of voters among the members of

##### these churches was presented yesterday to the

##### Ministerial Union. The impression which

##### the information made on the ministerial is

##### expressed in a resolution which the Ministerial

##### Union adopted, calling upon all the pastors

##### to urge their congregations to square their

##### dues with the poll-tax books.

##### That an astonishingly large number of

##### their male members over twenty-one years

##### old were not voters, having failed to meet

##### the poll-tax prerequisite, was, of course, al-

##### ready known to most of the preachers.

##### Many of them have been preaching on the

##### subject for months, while in some of the

##### churches active canvassing to get all their

##### eligible members qualified has been in pro-

##### gress nearly a year. Nevertheless, it is said

##### that the ministerial generally were not pre-

##### pared to receive without some surprise the

##### information that only one-third of their

##### members who ought to be voters were qual-

##### ified.

#### GATES OF HOME REOPENED.

##### Governor Decides That Best People of

##### Phoebeus Mean Well by Old Soldiers.

##### Newport News, Va., April 8.—Colonel

##### Thomas T. Knox, the governor of the Na-

##### tional Soldiers' Home, yesterday morning is-

##### ued an order directing that the Phoebeus

##### and the "main gate" to the big institution,

##### which were closed against the town of

##### Phoebeus Tuesday, be reopened at noon to-

##### day. Colonel Knox has reached the decision

##### that the best element of the people in Pho-

##### ebus are anxious to work in harmony with

##### him in preventing assaults upon the mem-

##### bers of the home, and he does not expect

##### that another order closing the gates will be

##### necessary.

##### As soon as the action of the home author-

##### ities in closing the gates became known Tues-

##### day, the business men and officers of the

##### Phoebeus Retail Merchants' Association got

##### to work and held a conference with Gov-

##### ernor Knox. The governor said he simply

##### wanted to have it understood that assaults

##### could not be made upon the veterans, and

##### all the officers in Phoebeus, from Mayor L.

##### J. P. Furey down, gave him assurance that

##### all complaints would be given quick atten-

##### tion. The Retail Merchants' Association of-

##### fered its services to Colonel Knox in run-

##### ning down such cases.

##### As is well known, Lenson told Colonel

##### Knox that he was brutally assaulted by

##### Phoebeus Council, but after the most search-

##### ing and careful investigation of the ac-

##### cusation the Councilman was cleared of

##### the charge.

##### ARMY BY FOREST FIRES.

##### Farmer, With Aid of Colored Men, Fights

##### Flames and Saves Barn.

##### Suffolk, Va., April 8.—Disastrous forest

##### fires are raging along the State line be-

##### tween Virginia and North Carolina. Val-

##### uable timber on the lands of the colored

##### and the John L. Roper Company's are being

##### destroyed. High winds are aiding in the

##### spread of the fire.

##### C. A. Shoop, with the help of a colored

##### man, put out a rapidly growing forest fire

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##### Sunday afternoon. The winds were blowing

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##### arrival there.

##### PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE.

##### Alexandrians Will Be Guests at White

##### House on April 18.

##### Alexandria, Va., April 8.—A meeting of

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##### arrangements for the meeting of the Na-

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##### executive to be held at The Hague May 26,

##### to which Mrs. Barrett will go.

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##### has affiliation with the international coun-

##### cil, and it is this international aspect that

##### gives it so much importance.

##### GREAT DAMAGE TO FRUIT.

##### Apricots, Plums, Cherries and Early

##### Pears Partially Destroyed.

##### Winchester, Va., April 8.—Causing damage,

##### the extent of which cannot be estimated for

##### several days, freezing weather attacked the

##### fruit trees of Frederick County, Md., the

##### other night and destroyed many of the

##### buds. Until the day before prospects for the

##### ever known in that county at this time

##### of the year.

##### While the apples are not affected to any

##### extent, most of the apricots, plums, cher-

##### ries and early pears have been destroyed.

##### It is practically certain that the peach buds

##### that are open, and in some orchards most

##### of the buds were advanced to the stage

##### where freezing would ruin them, have been

##### killed.

##### MAKING TRIP ON "JERRY."

##### One of Suffrage Marchers Now on Tour

##### of United States.

##### Standardsville, Va., April 8.—Miss Mar-

##### garette Dent, of Standardsville, Germany, who

##### is touring the United States, left here Thurs-

##### day morning for Charlottesville, and from

##### there will go to Richmond. She was one of

##### General Jones's suffrage marchers from New

##### York to Washington, and was in the great

##### suffrage parade of March 3. She is driving

##### "Jerry," the donkey, which attracted so

##### much attention along the route. She is doing

##### newspaper and magazine writing on

##### the trip.

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